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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Public Schools/Educational Institutions run by various Trusts/Societies especially in Delhi that have been assessed for Income-Tax during the financial years 2007-08 and 2009-10;

(b) the amount of Income-Tax collected from them in last five years and amount outstanding against them year-wise;

(c) the details of steps taken by the Government to recover the outstanding dues immediately; and

(d) the steps/policies devised/being devised so that timely payments of Income-Tax assessed is made in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): There are more than 70,000 trusts and societies which are filing returns with the Income tax Department every year and are assessed to Income Tax. A large number of these trusts or societies are running schools, colleges and other educational institutions. However no separate database of such trusts or societies is maintained.The required information therefore can be collected only by examining each and every return of a trust or society and thereafter ascertaining whether they are engaged in running a school or any other educational institution. The time and effort required for collecting and compiling this information would not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved by the Hon'ble M.P.

(b)&(c): Not applicable, in view of (a) above.

(d): The following special measures are being taken for timely payment of assessed income-tax from all tax-payers including arrears of trusts/societies:-

(i) Apart from the statutory measures taken for recovery of outstanding tax dues as prescribed under the Income Tax Act (including attachment of bank account, attachment and sale of immovable property, etc), monitoring of recovery of amount in high demand cases by Task Forces manned by senior officers.

(ii) Identification of cases involving substantial amount pending before Commissioners (Appeals) and ITAT and requesting these authorities to dispose off such appeals early so that the amount can be collected during current financial year itself.

(iii) Monitoring of all outstanding arrear above Rs.10 crore by CBDT along with the Directorate of Recovery.